

## Lafayette Was Colonial Hero

### 3c Coil Plate Looms As Rarity

Commemorative stamps represented most of the plate activity at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for the month of February. This is indicated in the bulletin released by the Post Office Department in which is shown that the following numbers were assigned to plates for the printing of postage stamps during that month.

B & O 3c commem., 200 subject plates, numbered 24603-4-5-6-7-8.  
Presidential 3c coil, 170 subject plates, numbered 24609-10.

AAA 3c commem., 200 subject plates, numbered 24611-2-3-4-5-6.  
Presidential 3c regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 24617-8-9-20-21-22-23-24-25-26.

The following plates were sent to press and printed from for the first time during the month of February.

B & O 3c commem., 200 subject plates, numbered 24603-4-5-6-7-8.

AAA 3c commem., 200 subject plates, numbered 24611-2-3-4-5-6.

Presidential \$1 border, 100 subject plates, numbered 24497-8-9-500, 24478, 24496.

Airmail 80c, 200 subject plates, numbered 24592-3.

In February two Presidential 3c coil plates were cancelled from further use these being 24293 and 24364. The latter number will have the makings of a rarity for there were only 43,799 impressions made from it.

Added to the factors making for scarcity in this instance is the fact that but very few strips of coil stamps show any part of the plate number.

Also eliminated from further use was plate number 24353, a 3c Presidential which gave over 180,000 impressions.

A Presidential 1c coil plate, No. 22252 was retired without any use whatsoever. It had never been certified—the cancellation occurring on February 27, 1952.

### Revalued Air Letter Released March 18

Two commemorative stamps which Spain had planned for release in the Spring have had their face values upped from originally planned denominations of 1.50Pts. and 75c.

Now these same stamps, to honor two of Spain's foremost scientists, Jaime Ferran and Santiago Roman y Cajal, will have values of 4.50 Pesetas and 2 Pts. respectively. The former is the overseas airmail rate, the latter the foreign first class rate.

According to Carlos Lenze, Barquillo 29, Madrid, Spain the revalued air letter for overseas destinations, the 1.65 plus 2.35Pts., was released March 18. This makes the new, since January 1, air letter rate, and at the same time makes it possible to use up the stationery of the 1.65 denomination. Other values of the air letters have and will be similarly treated.

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FIVE NATIVE FLOWERS OF HOLLAND are to appear on the set of five semipostal stamps to be released May 1 in the Netherlands. These are the Summer semipostals from which funds are raised for social, cultural and medical aid purposes. All are bi-colors, with green being used on each. The other color, denomination and flower are:—2c plus 2c carmine, Scotch Rose; 5c plus 3c yellow, Marsh Marigold; 6c plus 4c red, Tulip; 10c plus 5c yellow, Ox-eye Daisy; 20c plus 5c blue, Bluebottle.

### Holland's Summer Semipostals To Feature Flowers; Stamp For 50th Anniversary Of Mining Industry

The annual set of Summer semipostal stamps and a commemorative to recognize the Mining and Chemical Industry have been announced by the Netherlands Postal Administration. The former, five in number, will feature native flowers, a subject which seems to have gained quite a following both among the stamp issuing governments of the world and the people who add them to their albums, the stamp collectors. The "Mining" issue comes without additional surcharge, it picturing a miner using an air drill.

First day of issue of the semipostals will be May 1. They will continue on sale until June 25 after which the remainders will be destroyed.



As in the past, the money derived from the surtax will be devoted to social and cultural purposes in the eleven provinces of the kingdom to 25% of the amount, while the balance will be directed to national medical and social purposes.

Denominations, colors and designs are:—2c plus 2c carmine and green, a Scotch Rose; 5c plus 3c yellow and green, a Marsh Marigold; 6c plus 4c red and green, a Tulip; 10c plus 5c yellow

and green, an Ox-eye Daisy; 20c plus 5c blue and green, a Bluebottle.

Whether by intention or accident, the Netherlands seems to reserve its best engraved or most boldly designed stamps for this annual Summer series. In 1951 five extremely well done castles were produced from engraved plates. Contribution for 1950 was a set of five finely engraved designs in tribute to labor and reconstruction.

The 1949 set of five was notable for the type stamp art used, the stamps being reminiscent of small water color paintings all concerned with youthful outdoor activities.

Printing of the 1952 set will be by photogravure.

The Mining stamp is to have a denomination of 10c and have its first day of issue April 16. It will remain on sale for one month, until May 15, after which it will be withdrawn. It will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Netherlands Mining and Chemical Industry, "Staatsmijnen".

The stamp will be an acknowledgement of the importance of the mining industry to the economic life of the Netherlands. In the past 50 years the change over from an agrarian country to an industrial one was primarily made possible by the coal industry.

### Valiant French Nobleman Brought Wealth; Prestige, Skill To Colonial Forces

by H. M. Brehm

With announcement of the commemorative stamp in honor of the 175th anniversary of the arrival of the Marquis de Lafayette on the shores of this country, interest in the biographical background of this young Frenchman who became an American hero, has increased considerably. He was only 19 years old at the time of his arrival here, said to have been on April 24, 1777. The stamp will be released on June 13 at Georgetown, S. C. the same community at which he landed one and three-quarter centuries ago.

He was born in Auvergne, France, in 1757. His full name was Marquis de Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert de Motier Lafayette—looks like they didn't miss any uncle or aunt in selecting all those names to hang on one poor lil' feller at birth, does it?

Son of a noble family, he was enrolled in the French military service at age 14, and in the next 5 years made due progress and was advanced to officer grade before he was 20. However, in 1776 he resigned his commission—eager to come to that new land across the sea, where a revolution and excitement seemed to be in the making.

He came to America in 1777—no doubt with a letter or recommendation in hand from Benjamin Franklin—who sent so many other willing and able soldiers to our shores to aid in the great struggle.

Congress commissioned Lafayette as a Major General in the Continental army in July, 1777, and he soon gained great repute as an able strategist to guide the ragged army under Washington's command. Also, he became a very personal friend of George Washington.

He saw continual service throughout the war—except during a furlough in 1779, when he went back home to France to solicit further aid of his countrymen for the budding young nation across the Atlantic.

After the surrender of Cornwallis in 1781, Lafayette remained in the United States another two years, to aid in diplomatic matters, finally going back to France in 1783. But all must have been very quiet in Paris, for he paid us another visit in 1784—and in those days it wasn't just a matter of hopping on a trans-Atlantic plane and being in New York a few hours later.

Returning to France once more, Lafayette was made commander of the French National Guard. After his experiences in the United States, he became prominent in revolutionary activities, yet ever carefully remaining a liberal in thought, but never becoming radical. He lived in retirement from public life during the reign of Napoleon—but later became a member of the Chamber of Deputies.

America did not see Lafayette again until 1824, when, at age 67, he paid a final visit to the United States, where he found great honors and some wealth awaiting him. Like von Steuben, Kosciuszko and others, the federal government had set aside for Lafayette the sum of \$200,000 and a land grant of 24,000 acres.

Also, and unlike any of the other heroes from abroad, Congress conferred upon Lafayette

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(Note—As the result of this extraordinary grant of citizenship, Count Rene' de Chambrun, a direct descendant, who married Clara Longworth, became entitled to all the rights of a native-born American while he visited here in 1940-41.)

The Marquis de Lafayette died ten years later—in 1834—and history has long since recorded him as a true nobleman, and we in America will always remember him as our friend in time of need. Bless him . . . .

### New HPO Route For Michigan

The first officially designated new Highway Post Office Route in over a year has been announced by the Post Office Department for inauguration on, or about April 26.

According to Virgil J. Geary, secretary of the National Highway Post Office Society, Dayton, Ohio, the service will operate between Cadillac and Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Cadillac will be the starting point of Trip 1 and Grand Rapids of Trip 2.

The Post Office Department has announced that a commemorative cachet and a special postmark will be employed for the first trip run. These will be impressed on the covers placed in the hands of the postmasters at Cadillac and Grand Rapids and accompanied with requests for the first trip HPO service and cachets.

Collectors are to prepare their envelopes with a 3c stamp, a name and address kept well to the right hand side, and a stuffer. Flaps are to be sealed or turned in.

Mr. Geary states that while there have been some rearranging of already established routes in months past, the new one will be a genuine inaugural.

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The Jack Knight Air Mail Society, The Early Birds, and the Pan American World Airways System believe that the deGiers exploit of 1912 was significant for Panama, Central and South America and that it merits a historical commemorative souvenir airmail cover.

Therefore, these organizations are co-sponsoring an especially dedicated "40th Anniversary Commemorative Flight" on April 21, 1952 from Panama, R. de P. to Miami, Florida.

Pan American World Airways has printed a multicolored deGiers gummed airmail envelope for use and in honor of the occasion. The Jack Knight Air Mail Society will apply also an appropriately designed rubber-stamped cachet to philatelic covers carried on the flight.

Collectors and others desiring the cachet and PAA envelope (Via "Correo Aero" sticker) should send self-addressed but unstuffed and unsealed 3" x 6 1/2" envelopes together with 20 cents or unused postage stamps to David C. Crockett, c/o Postmaster, Garden City, L. I., N. Y. To those who prefer or want printed cachets the sponsors will furnish a pencilled-addressed, printed-cachet rag bond cover also at 20 cents each. Deadline is April 15, 1952 at Garden City. Covers to go must not be franked with United States stamps as they are not valid for postage in the Republic of Panama. The sponsors will affix Panamanian airmail stamps and will insert in each unsealed envelope a descriptive folder containing text and five photo reproductions of the original flight.

After processing at Garden City the covers will be transported by air to Panama City, R. de P. for philatelic treatment and dispatched on the deGiers 50th Anniversary Flight. Covers will be backstamped at Miami. Mr. Clarence A. deGiers, now President of The Liquidometer Corporation, Long Island City, N. Y., will be a passenger on the PAA commemorative flight.

No service charge has been made. The twenty-cent fee approximates airmail expenses from Garden City to Panama City and for Panamanian dispatch to Miami and points beyond. No provision for the servicing of these covers exists at Panama City.

The story of the deGiers Flight is an interesting one. It is reproduced herewith from the April 23, 1912 edition of the Star & Herald of Panama, Republic of Panama:

### Flying At Las Sabanas

deGiers Entertains Big Crowd Flight a Perfect Success

Clarence A. deGiers, the young New York aviator, gave Panama its first exhibition of a flying machine in operation Sunday afternoon at the Sabanas, April 21.

Thousands of residents gathered on the "Juan Franco" lands of Don Nicanor A. de Obarrio, distant about two miles from the city and patiently awaited the demonstration of another of the century's miracles. It was an orderly crowd, composed of all classes of the Isthmian population, cosmopolitan to the last degree, of all nationalities, all colors and creeds, but each and every one anxious to see that of which they had read so much—a machine heavier than air, whirling its flight through the skies, obedient to the every command of its human guide.

### A Fine Afternoon

The afternoon was ideal for the exhibition, the sun beating down hot upon the parched fields, with hardly a breath of air stirring the leaves of the surrounding forest. The time for the flight had been fixed at four o'clock, and as that hour passed with no sign of activity from the aviator or his helpers, the crowd became somewhat restless, a few fearing that at the last moment some mishap had

occurred to prevent the entertainment for which they had come such a long distance.

However, about 4:15 the anxious crowds were cheered by the airship appearing from its tent on a nearby knoll, being pushed along to its starting place by the aviator's corps of assistants. Then followed a delay of about 20 minutes, necessitated by a last careful inspection of all the parts of the manmade bird—every wire, every bolt, every piece of the mechanism, upon the security of which the life of a brave youngster depended, being thoroughly examined by expert eyes. A mechanic gave a whirl to the propeller blades, young deGiers took his seat in his Pegasus, the word was given to release the vibrating charger, which, after running along the ground a distance of about 150 feet, as if eager to get away from the insignificance of the every-day world, suddenly lifted itself above the surrounding fields and sailed as smoothly as a swallow, to the higher regions of the earth.

### Band Plays, Crowd Cheers

At the instant the machine left the ground, the pent-up emotions of the thousands of enchanted spectators broke loose into a long round of cheers, the band struck up a lively strain and unconfined enthusiasm over the demonstration that man had at last conquered the air seized the crowd.

The machine, under perfect control at all times, made a wide circuit of the surrounding fields and the nearby bay, and after encircling three times, in a circumference of about four miles at the rate of about 40 miles an hour, the aviator gracefully lowered his machine to earth near the starting point, and Panama's first aviation meet was over.

The ground was well attended, probably over 3,000 persons having entered the gate, while a large number viewed the flight from points of vantage not controlled by the promoters. A long train of automobiles and carriages was drawn up on the Sabanas road for hundreds of yards on either side of the gate. The cars of the Automobile Company were kept busy all the afternoon assisting to transport the people to and from the ground.

On Thursday, the 25th instant Mr. deGiers expects to make another flight this time circling over the city and the islands in Panama Bay, and later he expects to make the trip across the Isthmus from Panama to Colon.

## Asks Help To Catalog Railroad Co. Cancels

Now engaged in some out of the ordinary research are five collectors who seek the help of their fellows. Investigations are concerned with "Railroad company cancellations" (precancellations) on the 1890 Battleship Documentary Revenue issues.

Studies are being made of the typeset or electro cancels, or printed cancels.

When the work is well enough along that a catalog is merited it will be published along with illustrations of the major cancellation varieties, at this date about 40.

Interest of the catalogers is especially directed to a breakdown by hyphen hole and roulette perf types. Also to be listed are varieties such as inverts, doubles, plate breaks, missing periods, commas, etc.

Collectors who have any of the Battleships with the Railroad company cancellations are requested to contact Richard D. Fullerton, 34 S. Quentin Ave., Dayton 3, Ohio. He needs the cooperation of every stamp fan to make the cataloging complete as possible.

## International Members Will Exhibit April 14

What is usually one of its outstanding meetings of the year has been scheduled by the International Stamp Club for April 14. This is the regular members exhibition which will be held at the permanent meeting place of the group, 81 Hanson Pl., Brooklyn 17, N. Y.

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The Portsmouth, Va. post office will have, from April 1 to September 30, "200th Birthday/Portsmouth, Virginia. 1752-1952".

Oakland, Calif. will apply the cancellation "1852 OAKLAND 1952/CENTENNIAL/MAY 1 JULY 4" on mail from May 1 to July 4.

For the next six months Sacramento, Calif. expects to use the slogan, "CIVIL DEFENSE/NEEDS YOU."

Another Defense Bond Flag City is Foxboro, Mass. which will publicize the fact with "U. S. TREASURY/DEFENSE BOND/FLAG TOWN". It will be used for an indefinite period.

Woodstock, Ill. will have the following slogan from April 15 through June 30, "Centennial/Woodstock, Illinois/June 16-22, 1952".

Iliion, N. Y. states that it has been progressive for 100 years with "1852 - Centennial - 1952/June 22-29/100 Years Of Progress". It will be retired on June 29.

Albany, N. Y. will use a slogan for a short time publicizing its Tulip Festival. It will read, "Tulip Festival in May/Albany, New York".

Another Illinois town makes known its centennial, in this instance, Sheffield, with "SHEFFIELD/1852 Aug. 20-22, 1952/CENTENNIAL". It is to remain in use until August 22.

Impressions of these slogans will be made on the postal cards or covers of collectors upon request to the appropriate postmaster. Cards and covers must have a name and address, while the covers must bear a 3c stamp and enclose a stuffer.

## Duluth Exhibit In Local Bank Lobby

The lobby of the Minnesota National Bank, Duluth, Minn., will be the scene of the sixth annual exhibition of the Arrowhead Stamp Club from May 12 to 16. The show to be known as DUPEX '52 has had previous successful stagings in the bank's facilities.

## Kill Two Philatelic Birds With One Page

Washington Press, 43 William St., Newark 2, N. J. producers of the White Ace Albums believe they have the answer to a lot of collectors requirements with the introduction of their new "Dual Purpose Annuals."

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## Almost Grand Larceny

Readers of this publication of course know the truth. They know how Linn's was the first to dig out the facts as concerns the mess in which the UN stamps sales had become mired. It is to be regretted that others can boldly come forth and claim credit for ferretting out the facts as concerns orders for covers and stamps, when it is proven by the pages of our publication that the article by Mr. Herst gave the true story of the situation long before any other paper had awakened to it.

It is true that we were besieged by our readers concerning their orders with UN and they wanted to know why. It is true that of all papers Linn's was the only one to condemn the UN stamp sale debacle at the ASDA show in New York. Our readers knew we would dig out the facts and print them, something other papers seldom do. Ours is a Philatelic Newspaper, your editor cut his eye teeth on a shooting stick in a country weekly and loves the smell of printers ink. He believes in getting the news to his readers and doing it first when possible and that is just what was done in this UN mess despite the fact that one of our contemporaries in their issue of March 8, tries to steal the credit by these words... "A few have felt, however, that to those of philatelic writers who find it easier to rush into print with condemnation than to take the time and trouble to actually investigate, learn the truth, and give a fair appraisal and report of the situation." Indicating I suppose that this is what they did. Needless to say readers of Linn's know better. It is a pity that others can not be informed of the truth for it was of course our first story on the UN that led Mr. Herst to visit the UN, talk with the top Brass as well as many of the other employees and get a complete picture of the situation. This story was printed in our paper before any other publication dreamed of printing anything for these other papers all believe in letting things alone as much as possible. The true story was in our columns and is approved by parties who stand high in the service of the UN Postal Service. Let us quote you from a letter from Sidonie K. Lederer to Mr. Herst.

"Please forgive my discourtesy in not writing and thanking you, I can only plead as an excuse the extreme pressure under which I work... When that pressure lessens I should like to write you at length and discuss further your article in Linn's—WHICH HAS INDEED BEEN A LITERARY SENSATION IN THE PHILATELIC WORLD." The capital letters are of course to bring out the strong point for it was our stories that caused others to print the meager facts they did, they had been keeping mum and not wanting to stir things up.

Incidentally the letter from which this is quoted is dated February 20, long before our able contemporary even thought of interviewing the UN Postal administration employees for a story of the stamp sales.

It must be remembered that Mr. Herst's story was printed weeks before that similar story in our contemporary which now tries to claim the credit for pointing out the true situation in UN stamp circles. Furthermore, there was not a single new point brought out by the later story showing that Mr. Herst did the job thoroughly and people standing high in UN postal service commend Mr. Herst for his effort to get the real facts.

And to all of the above Joe Zollman also adds his "amen" in a note with the same letter from Sidonie Lederer.

## Facts About First Day Covers

Have you ever seriously tried to look back in relation to your collection of First Day Covers. It is doubtful if many have. Most of you probably think they just run back year after year but such is not the case. First Day covers only started about 1924 or 25. Up to this time one seldom saw or heard of them. I feel rather proud of the fact that I am credited with being the producer of the first cacheted first day cover. This was a cover with a 2c black Harding. No earlier cacheted First Day Cover is known. This was 1923. I well remember having seen FDC of the Walloons I remember the flurry over mailing FDC at Cleveland when the Valley Forge stamp was issued first day there. I remember that the P. O. clerks would cancel in any color and I also remember of having placed various old U. S. stamps which were without gum, thus not too desirable, on covers and having the clerks cancel them. I distinctly remember of having a 3c 1869 canceled in green at that time.

Recently I got hold of a lot of these Valley Forge FDC from Cleveland and the other cities. None of them have a cachet. Cachets did not come into very general use till several years later.

One thing that gave first day cover collecting a boost was the First Flight Air Mail Covers which became popular with the beginning of the Air Mail Service.

Some of the earliest cacheted first day covers were produced by your editor under the name of LINPRINT in Columbus. Recently I have been trying to pick up copies of all of those cachets which I produced and I have acquired quite a number starting with the 2c Arbor Day and running up to 1942. Whether I produced any others before the Arbor Day I do not remember and would probably have to check early files of this paper to see if such were advertised. It is interesting however to go back and try now to complete the series that I printed.

Too many of you who collect FDC today realize that the Art Craft covers only came into being about 1939 and many others known today have had a much shorter life so that if you want to go back and complete your covers you are going to have to take what was made in those days and let me tell you that most of this material is far more rare than any catalog indicates, and the earlier ones seldom have cachet. Also in the early days such things as pencil addressed or unaddressed were unknown, most covers are on envelopes of some odd size and addressed with pen and ink. You can not be choosy if you want the old covers, you got to take what is available and be thankful you got them.

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## There's Fun In Boys Club Work

By William A. "Pop" Ide

Every city should have a Boys Club and every Boys Club should have a stamp class. Stamp classes add a certain amount of mental zest to the round of activities which go to make up the fundamentals of every boys club.

That stamp classes do have a generous appeal to the immature mind of the boy can best be illustrated by the fact that my two classes in the Scranton Boys Club—Big Brothers Organization club rooms have more than doubled in attendance this year and membership must be held down. In fact, I shall be compelled to split the two classes into junior and senior grades although several in the junior grades can catalog a stamp equal to an old collector.

Teaching boys' stamp classes is all fun if the teacher can throw his years of austerity to the winds and become a boy again. For the class hour the teacher must shake the cobwebs of Tannu Touva and Azerbaijan out of his head, forget whether a stamp is a relic or communistic, how many were issued in the series and all the foofaraw that go into knowledge of a stamp collection. The teacher must start from scratch.

It makes no great difference whether the boy has an album or not, generally it may be an old book or a tablet, what difference does it make so long as the boy is interested and you can provide enough "cheaps" to keep him busy inside the club, off the street and out of trouble. There are many pleasant angles to boys club work.

I started my boys on one, two and three cent stamps. I told stories about the presidents on those stamps, how the stamps are made and of what they are made, then after I had reached the boys ear I demonstrated on the blackboard what perforations and watermarks were for. I started the class in the primary grade and allowed it to expand into higher stampdom.

Fine points, foreign stamps and good albums come after the boy understands the who, which, what and why of the cheap United States stamps.

Then every boy endeavors to collect ten stamps each week, not of different issues but ten stamps and they may be of one issue and one denomination. One important thing I do stress is the fact that stamps can not be mounted properly without good hinges and that mucilage and scotch tape are strictly taboo.

Cheap stamps are sufficient for the first year's training but watch out on the second year because you may learn a whole lot from the boys and receive the surprise of your life. For instance: one of my boys in the Scranton Boys Club central city building was rather diffident the first year, although he spent forty-eight cents weekly to attend class, when suddenly he became active.

That is one of the surprises of teaching and it is most encouraging to the teacher. This boy began to realize what it was all about and lo and behold this past month he came to class with full sheets of every United Nations issue, then, after my surprise had somewhat subsided he looked at me with a sly twinkle in his eyes and said "Look into this box Mr. Ide, and see what I also picked up in New York City."

That youngster had eighty plate blocks in that box! All out for stamps isn't all there is to his story because his father had also become active after listening to the boy tell about his stamp class in Boys Club and promised the boy that if he would graduate from high school he would send him to college for a special study in stampdom and he can go into

business.

There are many pleasant features to teaching philately.

My advice is to give the boys easy to get stamps until they learn to collect for fun and not profit; never to buy stamps until they have use for them; if they don't understand an issue to consult an old collector or a dealer who belongs to the stamp dealers association where he will be told truthfully about his request; do not buy all stamps sent upon approval but to select only those required to fill the space in his album; and, above all, be a philatelist and not a hoarder collector.

Let the boy choose his stamps but teach him to specialize. He learns quicker from specializing.

Every boy in my classes has reported that his marks in school have improved and each boy is proud that he can tell where countries are in his geography class. Stamp classes are an asset to any boys education. Teaching stamp classes in Boys Clubs is fun. Boys Club-Big Brother Organizations work for the boys' best interests and it is a pleasure to be connected in the work.

To the readers of Linn's here is just a little something to mull over in their minds and in the silence of the night its effect may rebound: When life's scars go searing through my arteries like the recurrent waves of an atom bomb in hell 'tis then I thank God for my hobby; He created philately as a solace to my mind.

## New Vatican, Italy Series Expected

News on two long-awaited Italian postal issues is sent by P. Ostrow, Elizabeth, N. J. One item deals with the proposed Roman Centenary issue by Vatican City. The other concerns replacements of the current Italian "Labor" set.

The Vatican commemorative may appear as soon as April. Prof. Corrado Mezzana, noted designer of Italian and Vatican stamps, has been at work on the design. No official announcement has been made, but it is understood that the stamp will reproduce the celebrated 50 bajocchi stamp of the Roman States (Scotts No. 13) and that Vatican City may break with tradition by issuing the commemorative as a souvenir sheet.

The present "Italy at work" stamps, while acknowledgedly beautiful, are larger in size than most regular postage stamps and therefore represent an added expense to the Italian Government. The expected "Tourist" set has never appeared, but renewed rumors come from Italy that replacements for the "Italy at Work" issue are almost ready. Designs have not been announced, but it appears virtually certain that the new issue when it is released, will return to the small format of the "Democratia" stamps of 1945.

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As some of you might remember who read here regularly, the Zanesville, Ohio Stamp Club has endeavored to obtain the first day of issue of the Ohio Sesquicentennial in 1953, or failing that to have the stamp placed on first day sale at each of the three former capitals of the state.

The first one was Chillicothe, where the actual first day of issue will take place, the second is Zanesville, and third is the present capital, Columbus.

But the Post Office Department has rejected both ideas, with some enlightening comment on the three city stunt which should be of interest and information to all collectors. In a letter to Ohio Congressman Robert T. Secrest of the 15th District, Postmaster General Donaldson stated the following:

"This will acknowledge your letter of March 13th, suggesting that the Ohio Sesquicentennial stamp proposed for next year be placed on first day sale at Chillicothe, Zanesville, and Columbus, all of which have been State Capitals during the history of Ohio."

"The first day sale of a commemorative stamp is a task of considerable enormity. In addition to employing 35 to 50 new clerks, special equipment is required, some of which must be shipped from Washington, D. C. The designation of more than one post office for these sales also reduces the effectiveness of the sale and the intrinsic value of first day covers in the eyes of stamp collectors. The Department would be criticized by collectors as it would be necessary for them to obtain covers from all three designated offices in order to complete their collections. "For these reasons it has been the policy of the Department to designate only one office for the release of new stamps."

The Rev. Karl Scheufler of the Grace Methodist Church Zanesville, and a veep in the stamp club, provided the data above. He also suggests that the stamp club might go to Chillicothe, about 80 good road miles away on the first day of issue, and buy stamps for use on appropriately cacheted covers postmarked in Zanesville.

1. Which was the last comment to have more than one first day city?  
 2. Do you remember which was the last airmail to have more than one first day city?

The Government has prepared another booklet of interest to coin collectors, which likewise should have some appeal to stamp fans if only for the reason that it takes their hard earned coin to buy stamps.

It is titled, "Domestic Coin Manufactured By Mints Of The United States." The description of the contents states, "For numismatists and all others interested in coin collecting, this brief but complete tabular story of gold, silver, and minor coinage at the various United States mints will be interesting. Beginning with the inception of coinage by the United States Government through the last day of 1950, the tables cover standard weight, fineness, class, and denomination of coinage, including commemorative coinage, by calendar years." The booklet consists of 35 pages and sells for 15c postpaid. When ordering give the above title, and the Catalog No. T 28.2:C 66/7/950. Mail coin or postal money orders, no stamps, to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

That new scarce one in the plate number field, as revealed by the Post Office Department's report of plate activity at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in February, should cause some scrambling, and possibly break a few hearts.

And the worst part of it is that the item is a coil plate number. These numbers are trimmed from

the finished rolls of stamps and it is only by chance that any part of it shows.

The plate was numbered 24364 and was assigned to the 3c Presidential. Only 43,799 impressions were made from it.

Any one coming up with a recognizable one of these is entitled to envious glances from his fellow collectors.

A reader noting the report of Bureau plate activity asks if all the numbered plates listed are eventually used.

The answer to that one, is "No" for there have been plates made which never have been used for the printing of postage stamps. Plate number collectors learn this information sooner or later and scratch such numbers from their want lists.

The Bureau, like any other intelligently run business, keeps reserves of material and equipment on hand to meet emergencies caused by the failure or destruction of standard items used in production. For postage stamp printing, the most vital item is the stamp printing plates.

The Bureau, as it concerns denominations of heavily used stamps, maintains a suitable stock of such plates in its vaults which can be checked out to the press on short notice.

Should some of the plates wear exceptionally well, and should the demand for the denomination grow less, there is a good possibility that some plates for that value will never see use.

How long such plates are kept, or whether any stamp printing plates have ever been destroyed by the Bureau and the Post Office Department in late years, I do not know. I have a hunch they are kept for years and years.

Most stamp collectors are well aware of the fact that George Washington was a prominent and esteemed Mason. He is always included in collections which picture Masons or Masonic material.

But not all such collectors know that one of the portraits of the 1932 Washington Bi-Centennial series, the 9-center, was adapted from one which pictured him in his Masonic regalia. Because the Post Office Department has rules prohibiting the picturing of any person in his fraternal dress, the design was almost given the go-bye.

This portrait was painted in 1795 by W. Williams for the Alexandria, Va. Masonic Lodge which still has it.

The desirability of this picture lay in the fact that it is the only one actually painted from life of Washington in his advanced years. Other designs of the series show him as a young or middle-aged man.

To make the portrait suitable, it was photographed and the fraternal items touched out. This then made the picture suitable for a stamp and was so used.

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## THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS

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 Ceylon new Colombo Plan (2) ..... .08  
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 Seychelles new definitives (15) ..... 5.75  
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cial sets of covers for holidays using appropriate stamps and equally appropriate cities, should take note that Decoration Day, Flag Day and Independence Day will soon be with us.

There are several stamps really made to order for Decoration Day, while there are any number of post offices which would fit in well.

First the collector must formulate in his own mind what he is trying to do with such covers, that is, the extent of his coverage and what he is trying to tell, and then lay his plans accordingly. The use of an up-to-date copy of the Postal Guide is almost a must.

A person who is evidently a newcomer to our hobby asks how far back he should begin his United States collection—and he plans to gather mint and used singles and mint blocks.

The first governing factor is the size of the pocketbook. An average income should in time be able to go back to the late 1800's in used, to around 1921 in mint singles, and the Famous Americans in mint blocks. A lot of the material since 1940 costs not too much more than face and is easily gotten in mint blocks. With some exceptions used U. S. is not difficult, and mint singles since 1900 should offer no problems.

Set your goal and starting point, stay within it, and do not be distracted by philatelic temptations in other fields. In time you will have everything within your stated limits, and can then readjust your sights on a broader scale.

1. The Motion Picture of October 31, 1944 released in Hollywood, Calif. and New York, N. Y.  
 2. The 6c bi-color of May 14, 1938 which had Dayton, Ohio and St. Petersburg, Fla.

## BRITISH EMPIRE CHATTER

by HENRY M. FRIEDMAN  
 Box 21, Planetarium Sta.  
 New York 24, N. Y.

Henry M. Friedman, editor of British Empire Chatter sends his regrets to his many readers because of the non-appearance of his column this edition.

Mr. Friedman has been confined to bed on the orders of his doctor. He fully expects to resume the Chatter in the next edition, basing such a hope on the continuing improvement of his health in the current siege of illness.

He asks the indulgence of correspondents whose mail he has necessarily had to let unanswered for the time being. Mail will be answered soon as possible.

Those who have placed orders for stamps from his ads in the name of "D. Friedman" on page four each edition, are asked to be equally patient because of the non-receipt of their orders. These will get immediate attention as soon as his health permits.

## British Congress At Southampton In May

Visitors to England from the United States between May 20 to 24 are invited to the 34th Philatelic Congress of Great Britain at Southampton by the Congress Committee.

The program indicates a full round of both philatelic and social activity that will keep visitors interested and on the go.

Inquiries can be sent to J. Sanders, 7 Commercial Rd., Southampton, England.

## Stamp For Sports On Stamps Exhibition

Topical stamps seem to have come into their own, in Italy at least, where according to Vittorio Lo Bianco of New York City a 25 Lire commem was released March 22 to mark the International Exhibition of Stamps related to the field of Sports.

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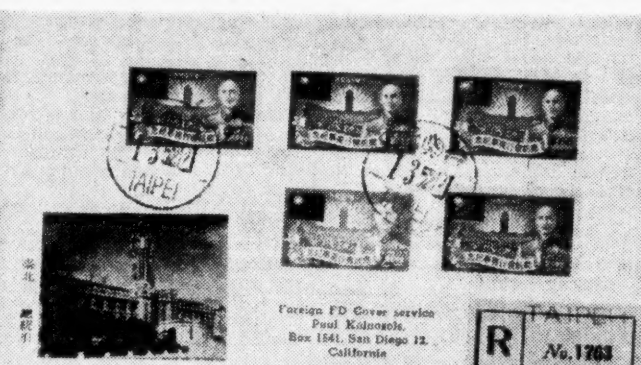
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### Harmer To Auction Name Collections

Specialists of Air Post Issues, Confederate States, China and French Colonials will have an excellent opportunity to add gems to their collections at the end of April and beginning of May.

H. R. Harmer, Inc. announces specialized sales of the "E. D. Finney" Gold Medal collections of Confederate States on Monday, May 5 and China on Tuesday, May 6.

Both groups contain really outstanding items that are expected to excite considerable competition among the increasing numbers of collectors for these countries. Quality abounds throughout.



Wednesday, May 7 will see the disposal of a collection of French Colonials, particularly strong in Free French issues and including the extremely rare 3fr of which only 27 genuine copies exist. This stamp is considered one of the great 20th Century rarities. This property will be sold by order of a New York collector.

On the previous Wednesday and Thursday, April 30, May 1, H. R. Harmer, Inc. will sell the "Colonel E. J. Ristedt" Collection of chiefly mint Air Post issues, exceptionally complete to date and containing many rarities.

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Auction catalogues are obtainable from H. R. Harmer, Inc., 32 East 57th Street, New York 22, N. Y. against 10c for handling charge.

### New York Central Offers R. R. Cachet

To commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the famed Twenty-first Century Limited, the New York Central Railroad is sponsoring a special cover with cachet for the anniversary run on June 15.

The golden anniversary cachet will be printed in color on white envelopes. Applications containing the name and complete address of the recipient, accompanied by a 3c stamp for each cover, or remittance to cover postage, should be made to W. J. Treloar, Manager Mail and Express Traffic, New York Central System, 466 Lexington Ave., New York 17, N. Y., not later than June 9.

### Harding Annual Auction In April

The large annual auction of the Harding Philatelic Society, Marion, Ohio is on April 17 at the YMCA, South State St. Interested stamp fans are welcomed to participate in the event.

This is one of the first projects of the club's new officers, president John Parsons, Sr.; vice president Dr. N. E. Rickey; treasurer Herman Amann; and secretary Edward A. Arthur, c/o YMCA, Marion, Ohio.

Meetings are at 8 p. m. on the first and third Thursdays at the YMCA.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Because the Post Office Department has curtailed or eliminated a number of its activities in connection with the routing of mail to correct addresses, different than that on mail handled, subscribers are asked to make doubly certain that the post office and Linn's Weekly Stamp News has the right address where they want to receive their paper.

If your Linn's has been slow in coming, or you are missing it occasionally check the address it bears. If incorrect tell us and your postmaster at once. If at any time you change to a new address tell us and the postmaster at once.

### Accept Subscriptions To C.A. Bulletin

As a result of a notice which recently appeared in one of the philatelic journals published in the United States, the Crown Agents Representative has received many communications concerning the Crown Agents Stamp Bulletin which indicate that considerable confusion exists about the rate of subscription.

The means whereby it is possible to enter a subscription to the Bulletin is contained in the following directions:

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### More Listings, Less Pages In Gibbons

Part II of the Stanley Gibbons Postage Stamp Catalog dealing with the stamps of the European Nations and their colonies has now reached the United States and is available from Jacob Habib, 1407 Sheridan Ave., New York 56, N. Y.

In a number of respects the Gibbons is a bit more detailed in the information which it offers for stamps. It gives the exact date of issue of many of the stamps, or the general date for a set or series which has been released within a period of weeks.

The Gibbons too, is a little more inclined to the reproduction of varieties which might be confusing to the collector.

There are 1126 pages in this 1952 Part II bound between cloth covers. Selling price is \$3.75 postpaid from Mr. Habib.

### Late April Dates For Roanoke Show

An exhibition of stamps and coins is being sponsored by the Stamp and Coin Club of Roanoke in the Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, Virginia on Saturday and Sunday, April 26th and 27th. Over fifty frames of stamps and coins will be on exhibition and will represent portions of the most important collections in the Roanoke area.

Collectors and non-collectors are invited to attend the exhibition, there being no charge of any kind. For further information, write to George W. Hawse, 379 Allison Ave., SW., Roanoke 16, Va.

### Additional Flag City Slogan Cancels

Additions to the list of "Treasury Defense Bond Flag Cities" which appeared in the March 3 edition of Linn's have been submitted by Earl P. Alexander of Plymouth, Mass. and Robert Doyle of Bradford, Pa. These are:

Pueblo, Colo.; Lagrange, Ga.; Decatur, Kewanee, Quincy, Ill.; Hammond, Ind.; Keokuk, Iowa; Plymouth, Mass.; Rochester, N. Y.; Fremont, Nebr.; Linden, N. J.; Durham, N. C.; Greenwood, S. C.; Watertown, S. Dak.; Kingsport, Tenn.; Richland, Wash.

To obtain one of the "Flag City" slogan cancellations collectors can use the 2c postal card, or an envelope with a 3c stamp. Either should have a name and address, and the cover a stuffer and the flap sealed or tucked in. The prepared covers should then be sent to the care of the respective postmasters with the request that the slogan cancellation be applied.

### Produce Costa Rica Specialist Brochure

Newest of specialist publications is "The Costa Rican Philatelist" which has made an appearance with a March 1952 edition. It is edited by H. D. Mitchell 327 Winthrop St., S.E., Washington, 20, D. C. and published by W. P. Hall 4618 Commonwealth Ave., Toledo, Ohio.

At the moment it is a strictly personal project of these men. It is their hope that they will be able to interest other devotees of Costa Rican philately in the paper on a subscription basis, and possibly in the future of being the means of the formation of a society whose members specialize in that country.

This first number has articles of general philatelic interest mostly on the documentary side. In an editorial, the promise is made that the April edition will be devoted mostly to stamps of Costa Rica with the background material kept to a minimum.

Further inquiries can be made to either man.

### APS Session At Boys Town, Nebr.

The American Philatelic Society will hold a regional meeting at the Boys Town PhilaMatic Center, May 3. Wilbur Cannon, of Davenport, Iowa, A.P.S. president, will attend the meeting to meet local members and discuss other pertinent matters.

The official session of the meeting will be held at 2 o'clock, with Mr. Cannon presiding. The afternoon meeting will be entirely informal, and all stamp collectors are invited to attend and meet Mr. Cannon. Luncheon, preceding the meeting, will be held in the Boys Town Coffee Shop.

The meeting will open at 9 o'clock and close at 5 o'clock.

### Mark Anniversary Of Railroad Service

The American Topical Association and its Casey Jones Railroad Unit are now making plans for a special celebration in New York City June 15.

On that date the New York Central and the Pennsylvania railroads are to mark the Golden Anniversary of the 20th Century Limited, and the Broadway Limited respectively.

Ceremonies will also honor Mrs. Casey Jones, wife of the famed engineer, Sim Webb, his fireman, and Dewey Crocker, sponsor of the Jones commemorative. All have indicated they will be present.

### "Apple Blossom" Slogan, Cachet

The Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival announces that the Winchester, Va. post office will use a cancellation during the month of April calling attention to the nationally famous springtime celebration in the "Apple Capital." The cancellation will, of course, be used through May 1 and 2, the dates of the 1952 Festival.

In addition, an attractive cachet has been prepared for this, the twenty-fifth Festival. Covers with stamp and address affixed will be serviced by the postmaster and all requests for cancellation and cachet should be addressed to: Postmaster, Winchester, Va.

Upper Silesian stamps of 1920 pictured a dove bearing an olive branch.

### Lansing Collectors Elect Spahr Prexy

Members of the Lansing, Mich. Stamp Club recently balloted for officers with the following being elected, Charles W. Spahr is the new president; Joe Rasdale, vice president; and secretary-treasurer J. C. Derr, 542 Evergreen, East Lansing, Mich.

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This is an unsevered pair of the commemorative souvenir sheet which was prepared for the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Clube Filatelico do Brasil. In all there were 5000 produced, each numbered on the back, and signed by the stamp club's president.

## Just A Word Of Caution!

by Manoel F. da Motta  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

It has come to the attention of a number of the members of the Clube Filatelico do Brasil that two-stamps given an overprint to mark the 20th anniversary of the founding of the club have been advertised to our fellow collectors in the United States as legitimate postage stamps.

These are definitely not postage stamps, they have and had no franking value, and are at the best nothing more than commemorative seals of an event which was celebrated December 15, 1951 at Rio de Janeiro.

So-called mint copies of these seals have been offered in the United States as "one of the rarest of all mint airmail sets ever issued" in "complete set of 2" at around \$16.00. It is further claimed that "only 500 mint sets exist."

When the Clube Filatelico do Brasil made plans for the proper celebration of its 20th anniversary, an approach was made to the Postal Administration of Brazil asking for some kind of special philatelic recognition.

This was granted in two ways, cooperation in the issuance of a souvenir sheet and the making of a special cancellation. The sheets were all numbered on the back, signed by the club president and bore the two overprinted stamps tied to the sheet with the commemorative postmark. (See the illustration above).

The stamps were the two issued last fall for "Aviation Week," October 21 to 27, the orange 60c picturing Santos Dumont and boys with play, gliders and a 3.80 Cr. indigo showing the Eiffel Tower and Dumont's dirigible.

Overprinted on each stamp, in black on the former, and blue on the latter is the legend, "FILATELICA/DISTRITO/FEDERAL/15-XII-1951/23 XII-1951".

There were 5000 of these souvenir sheets prepared and issued.

The stamps were pasted to the sheet and cancelled with the special postmark. In three concentric circles of wording and a small central circle with the date "15/DEZ/51", it was applied with black ink.

The stamps lost their franking value when the commemorative overprint was applied. Added to that they only exist legitimately affixed to the special 20th anniversary souvenir sheet, and tied thereto with the special postmark.

Therefore any claim that these are legitimate postage stamps is false and can only result in loss and disillusionment to a purchaser.

It is suspected in Brazil that one or more unauthorized persons used their positions to obtain a small extra printing of the overprinted stamps, nothing more than seals at best, and rushed them to the United States market before the full story could be printed.

As part of the commemorative souvenir sheet they are a legitimately collectable memento of an auspicious occasion.

But—there are definitely no legitimate mint sets.

## Prepare Cachet For Buccaneer Days

Buccaneers landed at Corpus Christi, Texas 100 years ago, and to give some philatelic significance to the event, the Sea Gull Stamp Club of that city is sponsoring a cachet. It will be released in connection with the Buccaneer Days Celebration May 2 to 4.

The cachet will be applied in a different color each day and will cost 5c each, or the set of three for 10c. Collectors must prepare their envelopes with a 3c stamp, a name and address, and a stuffer.

These with the payment are to be sent to Sea Gull Stamp Club, P. O. Box 640, Corpus Christi, Texas.

## Only Precancels In Club's Auction

Third Annual Donation Auction of the Central Ohio Precancel Club is to close to mail bidders Saturday April 19. Featured are precancel stamps exclusively, the more than 730 lots having a range of material which should attract the bids of all precancel fans.

The auction will be held at the club's regular April meeting Sunday April 20 at 1 p. m., the Seneca Hotel, Columbus, Ohio. There the floor bidders will have to top offers made via mail to bring home the precancels.

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CAMEROONS—It is reported in the Aero Philatelist's News that a 500fr. airmail is to be issued.

CHINA—A ten value set portraying Pres. Chiang Kai-shek (for Formosa) has been reported.

COSTA RICA—The Aero Philatelist's News also notes that the 35c, 55c, 1C., 1c, and 10c, are sold out (Scott's 192, 193, 196, 197 and 201), and the reprintings of the 5c, 10c and 35c are to be made in new colors. It is rumored that 300,000 of the 65c Roosevelt memorial issue will be overprinted 5c to meet a shortage of this widely used denomination.

ISRAEL—From the Israel Ministry of Transport & Communication Philatelic Service, comes an announcement that a series of two airmail stamps in honor of the National Stamp Exhibition in Haifa will be issued on April 13.

1) 100 pruta cobalt blue and silvery-grey; 2) 120 pruta dark purple and silvery-grey. Both stamps were designed by O. Wallish and will be issued in sheets of 20 stamps each.

ITALY—It is believed that the designs of the Italian Sports Meeting Issue have been determined, according to P. Ostrow. One of the subjects is believed to show "Andromeda" and another "Marus".

LIBERIA—The Liberian Philatelic Agency announces that Jehudi Ashman issue (forecast in this column a year ago) is to be issued on or about April 1. The issue will comprise 7 stamps, (5 postage and 2 airmails).

Values and colors are: 1c banknote green; 2c geranium red and gray blue; 3c royal purple and scott green; 4c banknote brown and banknote green; 5c imperial blue and orange red; 10c orange red and chinese blue; 25c airmail, wine red and black and 50c airmail, chinese blue and dark red.

Total face value is \$1.00. (Liberia's dollar is on par with the United States dollar).

MONACO—Copies of the 40, 50 and 100fr. airmails of Scott's type AP6 are reported as existing imperforate.

## Auction Important Airmail Collection

One of the biggest collections of Air Post stamps of the world will be offered in the May auction of the Mercury Stamp Company, 522 Fifth Avenue, New York 36, N. Y.

The collection, property of a well-known West Coast collector, is housed in 58 specially manufactured leather albums, with artistically drawn and painted pages, which cost the original owner more than \$23,000.00. Aside from the major varieties with a great number of rarities, listing thousands of dollars each, the collection is rich in varieties and represents an unusual opportunity to secure rarely offered airmail items.

The catalog of the sale will be available early in April and sent on request free of charge to interested collectors and dealers.

## Prepare Cachet For Annual Tulip Festival

The Women's Seal and Stamp Club of Albany, N. Y. are sponsoring a cachet for Albany's Fourth Annual Tulip Festival, May 14 to 18.

Those wanting the cachet are to prepare envelopes with the

name and address kept to the right hand side. The club will print the cachet on these envelopes, supply the stamp and enclose a stuffer in each cover telling of the event.

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## The World Of Stamps

by Janet van den Berg

In England as here, collectors are rushing frantically to complete their George VI collections. Market dopesters there join in cautioning over-zealous enthusiasts that there are plenty of all normal varieties for everybody, that interest in odd perforations and shades seldom lasts and that, when any new reign starts, the stamps of the last one lapses into the doldrums. Victorian, Edward VII and George V issues are all in scant demand and are freely available at thumping discounts in ads throughout the British stamp press. The slump in George VI issues will set in as soon as the Elizabethans begin coming in by the bale, so avoid panic buying and remember that here in the USA nobody gives a whoop about perforation variations in British colonials — Scott quite rightly lumps them together as a rule. Collecting holes is silly stuff.

Wonder why there hasn't been a news story on Pat Herst's recent

find of a batch of 1847 U. S. A. covers at the bottom of a well out in Iowa. I hope the well was dry. The covers were, while stored with Pat's Bob Hope-Bing Crosby feuding friend, Tony Russo out in Chicago the other day. They will probably be showing up at Pat's sales, held all over the landscape as the mood stirs him.

Terrific demand has appeared for a well-known pre-World War II book which has just become available in limited quantity after being quite unobtainable for many years—Dorn's **Forged Stamps of All Countries**. The volume runs 240 pages, covers counterfeits from 170 countries, is illustrated with 350 diagrams revealing essential characteristics of the genuine stamps and of the fakes where helpful, and is fully indexed. A lone copy at the King sale somewhat over a year ago brought \$8.50 but these are selling for \$2.65. As a 1-volume reference library on forgeries, Dorn is unsurpassed. Too bad that only a small lot turned up.

The recently-dispersed Townsend stock brought to light a small lot of Seebeck postal stationery from Honduras, Salvador, Nicaragua etc., which had not seen the light of day for years. There are some 60 varieties and most of them are as crisp and fresh as though they'd been made yesterday.

There was big interest in such items half a century ago when catalogs still listed them. Great interest has reappeared in our own time, and little caches of such unhinged material showing up in unexpected corners disappear from the market very rapidly since every collector likes something the other fellow hasn't got, especially if its showy, in excellent shape and cheap.

Most collectors don't know that an economy-minded Bolivian government in 1904 undertook to reproduce the current 10c stamp (Scott's #74) lithographically just as the 1c had been. Results were not good and the lithographed was never issued. A few sheets showed up in the effects of a former postmaster general and are now an inexpensive offer in two quarters here in the USA. Items of such a nature always make one collection stand out over another—the dead sameness of most stamp holdings never fails to strike a person seeing a good many of them.

Had a couple of nice visits recently with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bloss of 1173 North Kingsley Avenue, Los Angeles 27. The Blosses are one of the best-known couples in the American stamp trade and are great favorites in California where they lived for more than a

quarter of a century. They specialize in South and Central American issues and have quantities and errors, but have a large general stock as well, rich in better 20th century sets. Mr. and Mrs. Linn called on them recently and a pleasant evening was spent by all. The Bloss parrot is a highly important member of the household and recognizes regular callers, 'tis said. No. 1173 is a favorite meeting place for collectors from the Hollywood area, for there's always something new and interesting to see.

One sideline that is rapidly catching on is the collection of philatelic exhibition seals. Their number is not great, they have been and are being issued both here and abroad and proofs and special printings as well as regular varieties are available at moderate prices (usually a few cents a full set) IF you know where to look for them.

A well-known British dealer is circulating American stamp retailers offering to take surplus USA first day covers off their hands at half face value. He goes on to say "It's not the covers I want—they are worthless as such over here. I'm after the fine used stamps. Just tear off the stampbearing corner and get half face in exchange for current George VI colonials at face." With

first day covers a drug on the market, it's hoped that he will drain a good many off. The trade on this side would be a whole lot better off if a few million covers were gotten off the market in some such way. As it is, it will take several generations to absorb them. Incidentally, several smart operators I know on this side have been getting their stocks of superbly used commems over the past twenty years by acquiring job lots of FDC's "at a price" in deals of one sort or another and then doing away with them as such.

Forgeries of stamps are openly bought and sold as such in Britain. The famed David Field firm was recently offering the USA 2c Washington counterfeits of the 1920's singly and by the block. The Royale Stamp Company of 4c Royale Arcade, Old Bond Street, London W1 is currently offering the Nazi-prepared forgeries of the British George VI 1d, mint and "used" and the 3d, mint. There are some 60 varieties all told, covering the Empire, but complete sets are seldom seen.

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The Medal, portraying William the Silent in prayer, was especially cast by the Netherlands Mint and flown to this country for the occasion.

Needless to say, credit goes to J. W. Stowell, Sr., head of the J. W. Stowell Printing Company and printer of such publications as the American Philatelist, Essay and Proof Journal, Collectors Club Philatelist, National Philatelic Museum Book and other philatelic publications.

## Michigan Blossom Festival Gets Cachet

The Twin Cities Philatelic Club (Benton Harbor and St. Joseph, Mich.) is planning to secure recognition of the Twin Cities Blossom Festival. This event, long popular before World War I, is being revived this year from May 5 to 10. A parade of floats, tours of the blossoming countryside and crowning of the blossom queen are some of the traditional high lights of the Festival.

Benton Harbor and St. Joseph are located in the heart of the Michigan Fruit Belt and the site of the largest public auction fruit market in the world.

Application has been made to the Post Office Department for slogan cancellations for the two cities; in the event that these are not obtained, it is planned that a cachet will be used. No charge will be made for processing covers but it is requested that covers be sent ready to mail, properly addressed and stamped, preferably with a light card stuffing.

As both cities will recognize the event, covers should bear a pencil notation of the postmark desired or, if more than one cover is received with no instructions, they will be distributed equally. Space about 3 inches square should be clear at the left hand side of the envelope for the cachet.

Address covers for both cities to Twin Cities Philatelic Club c/o Postmaster, Benton Harbor, Michigan, using stamps of philatelic value, please.

## Important Variety On Danish Seals

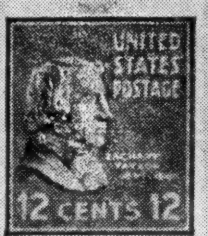
N. O. Pederson of Chicago offers an important bit of information to the collectors of foreign Christmas seals.

Because of the heavy demand for the 1951 Christmas seal of Denmark, these were sold out several weeks in advance with many persons failing to get them for use on their mail. Therefore a quantity of the 1950 seals were overprinted with the date "1951."

This operation was the work of a printer in Aalborg. In making his clichés of the "1951" he ran out of "1's" and so across the bottom row of a pane of the seals each had the 1951 made up with two Danish capital "I's" in place of ones.

Mr. Pedersen has a block of the provisional seals the two bottom ones of which show the variety.

## Our Famous Americans



ZACKARY TAYLOR  
12th President

Born in Orange County, Va. 1784—died in 1850. He entered the United States army as 1st Lt. in 1808 and spent most of his life in fighting Indians and Mexicans. "Old Rough and Ready" they called him. He fought against Tecumseh in the Black Hawk and Seminole Indian wars.

He took command of the army of Texas in 1845—defeated the Mexicans at Palo Alto and at Resaca de la Palma in 1846, occupying Matamoros in the same year. Brevetted a major-general and named as commander of the army of the Rio Grande, he captured Monterrey and defeated Mexican president Santa Anna at Buena Vista in 1847, thereby ending the war in Northern Mexico.

In the following year, as another national hero, he was enthusiastically elected as President of the U. S. on the Whig ticket.

But, like William Henry Harrison before him, he too had been a fighting man all his life, and the "sudden cessation of all personal hostilities" in exchange for the quiet of the White House proved too much for his nature.

He died after only one year and four months as President—but not before he had lent his earnest support toward making California a State in the Union—because slavery was forbidden in the West—in spite of the fact that he, himself, owned many slaves.

*H. M. Brehm*  
NEW LONDON, WIS.

## Sandwich Cachet Offered To All

For their second annual exhibition the Sandwich, Ill. Stamp Club has prepared a cacheted envelope which will be made available to all collectors. The show is dated for April 18 and 19.

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## Student Of 3c 1851 Claimed By Death

Leo J. Shaughnessey, long an ardent philatelist, succumbed to a sudden heart attack in Pleasanton, Texas on Saturday, March 8 while working with his stamps. Funeral services were held at St. Andrew's Church in North Pleasanton on March 11. Mr. Shaughnessey was

born July 25, 1878 in New York State, and moved to Texas upon his retirement from the Bell Telephone System.

The name of Leo Shaughnessey will long be remembered in the annals of Philately as a pioneer in the work of the 3c 1851-57 issue, along with that of Messrs. Chase and Cabeen. Nationally known in

Philatelic circles, Mr. Shaughnessey was a member of the Collector's Club of New York, The American Philatelic Society, The Society of Philatelic Americans and The Texas Philatelic Society.

Mr. Shaughnessey is survived by his wife, Bertha A. Shaughnessey, a stepson, two brothers and three sisters.

# START HIM RIGHT

Do not let the young fellow you know get a wrong start in his activity of stamp collecting. Too many are discouraged by envelopes filled with stamps listed in the catalogues at 2c and up each, and as plentiful as sand on the seashore. Such things make the youngsters wonder what it is all about. Books with hundreds of spaces for stamps and pictures of some of them mislead the youth.

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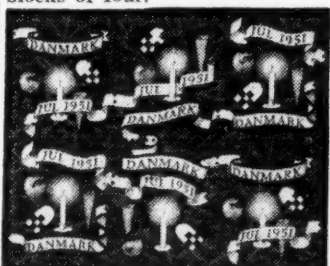
### COLLECTING CHARITY SEALS

By Amy Ellen Davis

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### DENMARK—1951

The Denmark, 1951, Christmas seals were illustrated and described in the December 3, 1951 issue of this paper. The statement was made at that time that inasmuch as there were four different designs in the sheet it would be necessary to collect these in blocks of four.



However, if a closer inspection is made of the sheet it will be found that if one desires to collect these in blocks at all, it would be preferable to collect them in blocks of six as this would really show the entire design and would incorporate the two ribbons, which form a part of the designs, in their entirety.

In order to obtain these blocks of six from the sheet, it is necessary to waste some of the seals as it is only possible to obtain four blocks of six and one block of nine from each sheet of fifty seals.

### FRANCE T.B.—1951

Pictured herewith is the 1951 seal from the French National Tuberculosis association. Dominant feature of the seal is a picture of Villemin who is credited with the discovery that tuberculosis was not strictly hereditary.



Previous to his demonstration to the National Academy in 1865, it was generally presumed that tuberculosis was not contagious, but rather was passed on from one member of the family to the other through inherited constitutional weakness. As a result of

this theory, nothing was done to prevent other members of the family from contracting the disease by segregating the ill member, with the result that the wiping out of entire families was not unusual.

However, upon Villemin's discovery that the disease was by far more contagious than hereditary, it was possible to save scores of lives by proper precautionary methods.

The seals, as usual are printed in small booklets containing ten seals with margins bearing various advertisements.

### SWEDEN T.B.

Supplementing a recent column featuring Christmas seals of Sweden it is now possible to furnish



information regarding the 1949, 1950 and 1951 seal issues of this country which are as follows:

Date	Designer	Quantity
1949—Lennart Gram	14,000,000	
1950—Gustav Alexanderson	14,000,000	
1951—Gustav Alexanderson	14,000,000	

These three seals are illustrated herewith inasmuch as they were not included in the previous illustration of the Swedish T.B. seals.

### CORRECTION SWITZERLAND, GENEVA

In the column of Dec. 3, it was stated that no windshield stickers were issued for the year 1939. However, this was an error as there were windshield stickers issued for this year.

### DENMARK T. B.

It is now possible to furnish the designer and quantity printed for the Denmark seals of 1949, 1950 and 1951, which were not available when a recent column featuring the seals of this country was written. They are as follows:

Date	Designer	Quantity
1949—Kaj Olson	55,000,000	
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by James A. R. Dryden

In 1839 the mails between Halifax, Nova Scotia, and England were carried in sailing vessels, government 10-gun brigs, which, in the naval parlance of the day, were known as "coffins".

The possibility of steam navigation had been demonstrated some 12 or 14 years earlier, and coasting steamers were then actually engaged in trade. Between Glasgow and Liverpool there were two keenly competing lines of such steamers, one of them represented by Messrs. Burns of Glasgow and the other by Messrs. MacIver of Liverpool.

Thoughtful men had already begun to foresee that the steam coasting trade would probably be in time extended to the ocean, and the British Government had pledged itself to use the first opportunity of so extending it by the substitution of steam mail packets for the vessels then in use.

Mr. (afterwards Sir Samuel) Cunard, of Halifax, threw himself heartily into the proposed enterprise, came to Britain for the purpose of promoting it, and accepted the government tender for the carriage of mails across the Atlantic.

Mr. Robert Napier, the prominent Glasgow marine engineer, introduced Mr. Cunard to the Messrs. Burns and MacIver, and these gentlemen joined with him to constitute the co-partnership which has since been known as the Cunard Company and which undertook to carry the wishes of the government into effect.

In pursuance of the undertaking, the new company entered into a contract for the fortnightly conveyance of mails between Liverpool and Halifax, Boston and Quebec. The contract was for a term of seven years, and the ships employed under it were to be of such build that they might be available as troop-ships in time of war.

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The "Britannia" left Liverpool on her first trip on July 4, 1840, and entered Boston harbor after a run of 14 days 8 hours.

Even to those who watched her as she was receding from the shores of Britain, the departure of the first Atlantic steamer was an event of no small significance; but her rapid passage and safe arrival at Boston were there hailed with an enthusiasm which sprang from the appreciation of the benefits which would follow in her wake.

At that time, the American people, although they were beginning to realize the boundless resources and gigantic future of their country, were nevertheless fully conscious of their isolation from the commerce of the old world.

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Tuscany is a former grand duchy now a part of Italy.

Andorra's first airmail stamp issued in 1950 pictures two chamois in their mountain habitat.

Württemberg's Coat of Arms appeared in the design of the postage issue of 1857.

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